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TO: Community E-lert Recipients
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SUBJECT: Community E-lert #05-023

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BURGLAR MAKES ENTRY THROUGH OPEN GARAGE DOOR

On Sunday, April 10, 2005 at approximately 6:45 a.m., in the 400 block of Upland Road, a female resident had just emerged from her upper level sauna room when she noticed an unknown male subject standing at the lower level of her home. The victim's husband was asleep in the bedroom and was unaware of the intruder's presence. The female victim, for unnamed reasons, decided to wait 15 minutes before calling 911 and/or waking her husband to report the presence of the intruder. By the time the lone on-duty Medina Officer was notified, nineteen minutes had elapsed, and presumably the suspect had long left the area.

The suspect made entry into the residence through an open garage door and then proceeded through another unsecured door from the attached garage that led into the main house. The house does not have an alarm system and there was no sign of forced entry.

The victim could not provide a detailed description of the intruder, as he appeared to be wearing a stocking cap that covered most, if not all, of his face. The only additional descriptive information given by the victim was that the subject was an unknown race male with a very stocky build, and wearing a green polyester type jogging suit. In a perplexing manner, the intruder took the time to remove his shoes while inside the home, apparently in an effort to move about the house to avoid detection. Once observed by the female resident, the

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suspect grabbed his shoes and quickly ran from the house with only his socks on his feet without saying a word.

Through investigations, it was later learned the suspect had removed \$30 in cash from the victim's wallet that was in her purse sitting on a kitchen table. The suspect discarded the wallet in the garage as he bolted through the open garage door. The responding Medina Officer discovered the wallet on the floor in the garage.

The Medina Officer attempted to call for a police canine (K-9) unit but none were available for response. The scene was processed for evidence and possible fingerprints. An area check was conducted, however, the suspect was not located.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

- Secure your garage, exterior doors and windows before retiring for the evening.
- Please call 911 immediately to report any suspicious person and/or activities.
- Most thefts are crimes of opportunity so don't make it easy for a thief. Do not leave valuables in plain view and whenever possible, and set your alarm system if you have one.

If you wish to speak or make a comment about this information please email Chief Chen at jchen@medina-wa.gov